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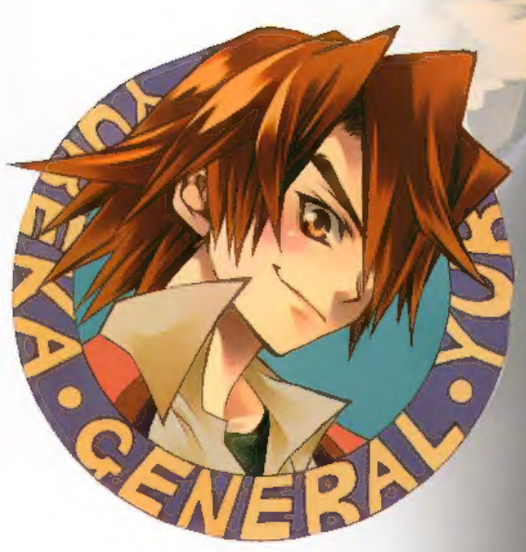

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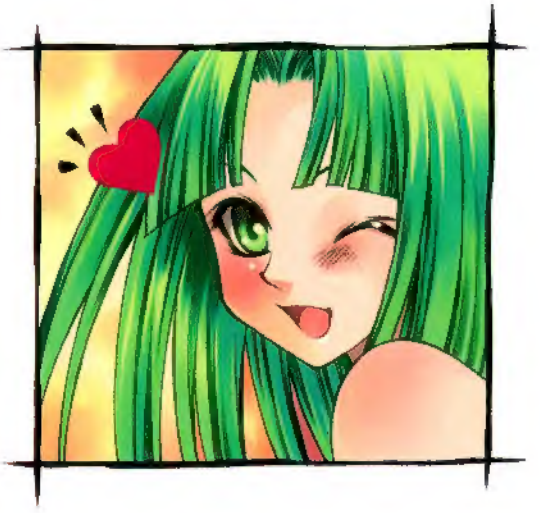

Kim Youn Kyung:

Mirenne has become my favorite character these days. ^^
Even more than her character or her history, it's because I take pleasure in drawing her.
I admit that this is an important step to be able to work in a good mood!
But of course I love all my other characters too!!

Son Hee Joon:

You can tell a good manhwa from the fact that we never tire of it.
When I start leafing through a book to study, it is not uncommon that I spend the whole night to read the last volume.
That may be why I'm so slow in my work.

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I AM CALLED LOTTO!

NO... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE CAN'T BE...
SURE, THERE'S A VAGUE LIKE-NESS... BUT THAT'S NOT ME...
THAT'S NOT ME AT ALL!!

NO... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE CAN'T BE...

SURE, THERE'S A VAGUE LIKE-NESS... BUT THAT'S NOT ME...

THAT'S NOT ME AT ALL!!

CLOUPS

A BUG...

... THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A BUG...

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

BUT... THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE HEIGHT!

SHUT UP!

SHUT UP!

SHUT UP!

BOUM

WEAK POINT

SUCH A WEIRD REACTION! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

DON'T PANIC... AFTER ALL, HEIGHT IS ONLY A DETAIL...

FIOUU

WAIT A MINUTE... WHY DOES HE TALK TO ME AS IF HE KNEW WHO I AM...?

I THOUGHT HIS MEMORY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BLANK?

YOU'RE WEIRD! YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL SELF!

SAY... YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

WHAT A WEIRD QUESTION! YOU HIT YOUR HEAD OR SOMETHING?

SO WE DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT OUR MASTER?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU'RE EVEN DUMBER THAN I THOUGHT YOU WERE!

DON'T MESS AROUND! THE BEST JOKES ARE THE SHORT ONES!

ARGH

OKAY... HE HAS THE SAME BAD TEMPER AS ME!

He he~

I ADMIT THAT I'M NO GIFT FOR MY ENTOURAGE...

... BUT IT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN HIS ATTITUDE!

HE THINKS HE'S LOTTO, BUT REMEMBERS YUREKA...

...

WHO ARE YOU...?

ZZT

HUH...?!

YOU'RE NOT THE REAL YUREKA!

DID YOU THINK YOU COULD FOOL ME WITH THAT DISGUISE?

ERR

WHO ALLOWED YOU TO TAKE ON HER APPEARANCE?!

WHERE'S YUREKA?!

WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE REMEMBERS ABOUT HER PERFECTLY!!

W... WAIT, I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN!

I NEVER WANTED TO FOOL YOU...

DON'T SAY ANYTHING! I WANT YUREKA AND THAT'S IT!

Grr...

HE'S STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES!

WHY SHOULD I BE THE ONLY ONE TO TRY?

HE DESERVES A GOOD LESSON!

Hah...

YOU'RE GETTING ON MY NERVES...

I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO ORDERS FROM YOU!

YUREKA IS MINE! TRY TO TAKE HER FROM ME IF YOU CAN!

DODOM

AH HA! I THOUGHT SO!

VERY WELL! I'M GOING TO ANNIHILATE YOU.

THERE WE GO! THEY'RE GOING TO FIGHT.

HMM... IT'S GOING TO BE TIGHT.

FIRE BALL...

DOUBLE!!

BOUM

BOUM

BOUM

BOUM

EASY SHIT!
THE ONLY MOVES HE KNOWS ARE MINE!

BAM

BLAZE STEP!

OH? IT'S A MOVE I TAUGHT TO YUREKA!

FLAMING BLADE!!

FRRRR

WELL, WILL HE FIGURE OUT THAT I'M NOT AN A.I?

FZZ

TAP

HUH?

FLUSH

TOO SLOW!!
YOU LOOK LIKE A SLUG...

RUNNING AWAY?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SHAME?!

FWIP

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

FLUSH

DOES HE WANTS TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK OR WHAT?

TAP

...

THAT'S IT! SHOW YOURSELF!!

ZZT

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO FIGHT?!

FRRR

COUGH...

COUGH...

FRRR

I'M GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME DETECTING HIM WITH THE FLAMES.

EVEN THOUGH I'M FAST, THE ROCK COLUMNS ARE IN THE WAY.

HE STILL DOESN'T KNOW THAT I'M IMMUNE FROM THE PAIN OF THE FLAMES...

AND IF I TRICKED HIM WITH IT?

HE HE!

AH SHIT! HE WAS UP THERE!!

FIREBALL... DOUBLE!!

FLUSH

CRAC

BOUM

YOU'RE MINE NOW!

TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

THIS TIME YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME!!

FLUSH

OH

HUH?

TELL ME I'M DREAM-ING...?!

BAOUM

ARGH!

HE USED THE FIRE WALL TO CHARGE IT INDIRECTLY...

I NEVER THOUGHT OF USING IT IN SUCH A WAY...!

IT WAS A TIME BOMB DERIVED FROM THE FIRE STRIKE...!

SHIT?!

FRR

I THOUGHT OF COMBINING MANY TECHNIQUES TO GET RID OF YOUR HP!

NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T DODGE IN MID-AIR!

BAM

FIRE...

BOUM

BALL!

BALL!

FWIT

ARGH!

COUGH!

FIREBALL!!

RAAAH!!

SO...?

WHO'S THE STRONGEST?

PLAF

TAP

THAT'S WHAT HAPPEN WHEN YOU BECOME OVERCONFI-DENT DUE TO YOUR ATTRIBUTES!

I REALIZED THAT YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED ME FROM THE START.

HE'S RIGHT... I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO BE AN EASY OPPONENT...

IT'S WEIRD TO THINK MY PERSONALITY WAS THE MODEL HE WAS BUILT ON...

YOU LOST!

NOW RETURN YUREKA TO ME!!

I WOULD GLADLY DO IT IF IT ONLY DEPENDED ON ME...

... BUT SADLY, *I CANNOT ACCEDE TO YOUR REQUEST.*

BEEP

FSH

WHY'S THAT?!

I DO NOT HAVE YUREKA. ALL THAT'S IN MY POSSESSION IS THAT BODY OF HERS.

THE TRUTH IS SHE WAS KIDNAPPED.

YES, BUT WHAT ELSE? TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY!!

LIAR!! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO FOOL ME AGAIN!!

I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO TRUST ME. NONETHELESS, I NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE HER.

IT WORKED!!

I DIDN'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT YOU BUT I MYSELF DO NOT KNOW WHERE SHE HAS BEEN WITHHELD...

BUT WHAT I'M SURE OF IS THAT HER ABDUCTORS WANT TO KIDNAP ME TOO... AND UNFORTUNATELY I DO NOT STAND A CHANCE...

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO TEST YOU!

...

I HAD TO SEE IF YOU WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO SAVE YUREKA...

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO...?

Yes!!

SINCE THE KIDNAPPERS ARE AFTER ME, I THINK WE COULD WAIT HERE AND TRAP THEM.

I'LL THINK OF A PLAN SINCE WE STILL HAVE TIME.

HMM...

IT'S ALWAYS RISKY TO GO INTO A BATTLE WITHOUT FIRST KNOWING THE ENEMY...

... BUT WE KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, SO LET'S USE IT AGAINST THEM! IN THE END, YOUR IDEA ISN'T SO BAD.

HE CLEARLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE. SEEMS LIKE EVEN PERSONALITY DUPLICATION HAS ITS LIMITS!

IT'S IN THE POCKET...

HIN HIN

BUT FIRST...

... WE NEED TO AGREE ON SOMETHING!

YUREKA IS MINE AGAIN WHEN WE FIND HER, OKAY?

DON'T FORGET THAT I DEFEATED YOU IN A DUEL!

HE'S OBSESSED WITH YUREKA... JUST LIKE ME!

LIFE WOULD BE SO SIMPLE IF THE WINNER COULD ALWAYS MAKE THE RULES...

LISTEN.

IT'S NOT UP TO ANYBODY TO BECOME HER MASTER.

...?

DON'T WORRY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

THANKS ANYWAY. I'LL CONTACT YOU WHEN I HAVE SOME NEWS.

NO, WAIT...

... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE CALLED! DO YOU HAVE A NAME?

YOU CAN JUST CALL ME "GENERAL".

OH RIGHT...

IT WAS PRETTY SURPRISING! I WAS SURE YOU WERE GOING TO KICK HIS ASS.

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RELY TOO MUCH ON YOUR ATTRIBUTES.

SAY, MIRENNE... WAS IT YOU WHO CHANGED HIS LOOKS?

YES, MODIFYING PHYSICAL DATA IS NOTHING TO ME...

YOU DID A GOOD JOB; HE'S PERFECTLY OPERATIONAL!

C'MON, ADMIT THAT YOU'RE RAGING! I KNOW YOU VERY WELL...!

YEAH, IT'S TRUE THAT I'M A BIT MAD AT YOU!

BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT HIS ROLE WAS GOING TO BE?

WHAT KIND OF ENDING DO YOU BOTH HAVE IN MIND?

I HAVE A COUPLE OF IDEAS ABOUT THAT BUT FIRST WE NEED TO CLARIFY A POINT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...

I WAS DRAGGED INTO THIS BUSINESS.

YOU MUST BE EXPECTING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU?

WELL OBVIOUSLY! MY GOAL IS TO SAVE SEOL-HEE!

WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT THE HARD DRIVE HERE FOR?!

NOTHING ELSE?

IT'S HARD TO ANSWER! THERE'S ALWAYS A PRICE TO PAY WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING...

THERE'LL STILL BE TIME TO ASK THAT QUESTION WHEN THE MISSION WILL BE COMPLETED...

UNTIL THEN, WE STILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE IF WE FAIL.

AS FOR ME, I'M OUT OF HERE IF MY TRUE IDENTITY IS DISCOVERED!

ALRIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, JANG-GUN? HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO GO?

FOR ME, EVERY-THING STARTED WITH THIS.

THEREFORE, THAT QUESTION SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN BEEN ASKED.

I GOT INTO THIS ADVENTURE TO SAVE YUREKA.

NOT ONLY DID I LOSE MY BET, I'M ALSO INDEBTED TO HER.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE; A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH!

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY MOTTO!

OKAY, I'M LISTENING; WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

IT MIGHT TAKE QUITE A WHILE. ARE YOU READY TO SPEND THE NIGHT ON IT?

WHAT, AGAIN?! THAT'S DAMN SLAVERY!

C'MON, IT'LL ONLY LAST A FEW DAYS...

SUCH WEATHER! I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO STAY ALL COMFORTABLE AT HOME.

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE IF WE WANT HIM TO LET US COPY HIS HOMEWORK.

DING DONG

WHO'S THERE?

HEY, JANG-MI! IT'S US.

SUCH A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

CLICK

IT SURE HAS BEEN A WHILE.

YEAH, THAT'S TRUE. HOPE YOU'VE BEEN FINE!

DID YOU MISS ME A LOT?

JANG-GUN WENT OUT SHOPPING. PLEASE COME IN AND WAIT FOR HIM.

REALLY? IS YOUR MOTHER HERE?

IT'S NOT YOUR BROTHER BUT YOU I WANT TO SEE...

MOM IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A PROJECT, YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BOTHER HER.

I SEE.

PLEASE TELL HER WE SAID HI.

We have guests, honey...?

CRU...

EL EL

HUH... HI MOM!!

Glad to see you boys...

NO NEED TO ENTERTAIN US... WE REALLY DO NOT WANT TO BOTHER YOU...

HA HA! WE WILL MAKE OURSELVES SO QUIET YOU WON'T EVEN NOTICE OUR EXISTENCE...

FFW

In other words, you're asking me to get the fuck out while you're partying!

NO... OF COURSE NOT...

WHEN SHE'S ALMOST DONE WITH HER WORK, SHE ALWAYS GOES CRAZY!!

ACTUALLY, I JUST FINISHED MY PROJECT...!

I'M FREE TO HAVE FUN WITH YOU!

IF

HIHI

HIHI

OF

WHY DON'T WE ORDER SOME CHICKEN? I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T HAD BREAKFAST!

HUH... THAT'S SO NICE OF YOU BUT WE'RE NOT HUNGRY.

C'MON, YOU NEED TO EAT WHEN YOU'RE IN FULL GROWTH! YOU'RE MY GUESTS!

BUT...

CALL THE CATERER, JANG-MI! ORDER A BOX OF FRIED CHICKEN, A BOX OF CHICKEN IN SAUCE AND DON'T FORGET THE BEERS!!

CHICKEN

TADAN

AM I...

... HAVING A NIGHTMARE?

HI THERE.

Could I have a gulp please...?

I THOUGHT WE AGREED TO EATING CUP NOODLES WHILE YOUR WORK WAS IN THE FINAL STAGES?!

AND HERE YOU GO ORDERING CHICKEN WHILE I'M OUT...!!

GULP

SAY, SON...

... DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM ABOUT ME HAVING A GOOD TIME AFTER WORK?

YOU NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS GORGING YOURSELF WITH CUP NOODLES WHILE I SWEAT BLOOD AND TEARS TO FEED THIS FAMILY!

HIC

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SHIT... SHE'S DRUNK!

1: YOU SHUT THE FUCK UP AND EAT YOUR CUP NOODLES.

2: I SLAP YOU IN THE FACE AND YOU CAN EAT SOME CHICKEN.

3: I SHUT UP AND GET CHICKEN!

OR... 4: YOU GET HIT AND EAT YOUR CUP NOODLES!

THIS SUCKS...

SOUP

I WANTED TO TALK IN PRIVATE TO WOON-SUK AND KWAN-SU...

IF I HAD KNOWN, I WOULD HAVE TALKED TO THEM OUTSIDE!

You're still hungry? What about ordering a pizza?

SHE'S COMPLETELY DRUNK...

RAIN HAS THE EFFECT OF MAKING ME REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD TIMES...

HIC

THERE IT IS! SHE'S GOING AT IT AGAIN.

PSS

DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOUR MOTHER COULD HANDLE ALCOHOL JUST FINE?

FLIP

THAT'S NORMALLY THE CASE. BUT SHE HASN'T SLEPT FOR A COUPLE OF NIGHTS.

AWW, LIFE WAS JUST PERFECT...

... I WAS 17 YEARS OLD... IT MUST HAVE BEEN 1 OR 2 YEARS BEFORE JANG-GUN WAS BORN...

PFRR

PFRR

I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOUR MOTHER LOOKED YOUNGER THAN HER AGE...

YOU DON'T SAY! AT THAT TIME, SHE WAS ALREADY "UN-CONTROLLABLE."

WANT ME TO STRANGLE YOU WITH THOSE NOODLES?

I heard you...

NO THANKS!!

SLURP SLURP

IT WAS BACK THEN...

... THAT I ENCOUNTERED JANG-GUN'S FATHER.

Good things that you mark to remember your son's age..

I WAS A PURE YOUNG GIRL WHO WANTED TO BECOME A NOVELIST...

I WAS SO INNOCENT THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LIFE.

THAT'S YOUR MOTHER, THERE..?!

DON'T DOUBT HER WORDS OR SHE'LL TURN YOUR HEAD INTO A SQUARE.

BUT MY HEART WAS SECRETLY BEATING FOR SOMEONE...

I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE HANDSOME YOUNG BOY I COULD SEE EVERY DAY; SAME PLACE, SAME TIME.

IT WAS HIM...

... JANG-GUN'S FATHER...

TO BE CONTINUED!

I'LL TELL YOU THE REST OF THE STORY NEXT TIME...

AW NO!

BURP!

JUST WHEN IT WAS STARTING TO GET INTERESTING...

LET IT GO! SHE NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE REST OF THE STORY.

THAT'S TOO BAD. I WISH I KNEW HOW IT ENDS...

WELL, I'M GOING TO BED. HAVE FUN, KIDDOS...

미적

FWIT

HERE SHE GOES AGAIN! IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT, SHE NEVER TELLS US ABOUT DADDY...

SNIF

HUH... GOOD NIGHT...

I THOUGHT HE PASSED AWAY...

ARE YOU COMING, GUYS? JANG-MI, I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO CLEAN UP EVERYTHING.

YOU COULD HELP ME, YOU KNOW!!

Oo. Shit! She drank it all...

WHAT'S THE POINT OF PUSHING HER? MOM OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

AS TIME PASSED, I EVEN FORGOT ABOUT DAD'S FACE.

THAT MAN MEANS NOTHING TO ME NOW.

ABOVE ALL, I HAVE OTHER PRIORITIES NOW!

space HOPE

SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK US ABOUT?

CLAC

CLAC

YOU HAVE A PROBLEM? IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T LOG IN ANYMORE?

But only listen...

I'M READY TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING AS LONG AS YOU DON'T ASK FOR MONEY.

REMEMBER OUR LAST DISCUSSION? WELL, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

A FAVOR?

IT'S STILL ABOUT THAT QUESTION OF APPROVAL?

SHUT UP!!

YOU CAN ANSWER NOW OR LISTEN TO MY EXPLANATION FIRST...

... SO WHAT DO YOU CHOOSE?

IT'S OBVIOUS, RIGHT? WE DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT BEFORE KNOWING THE SITUATION...

STOP!

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME NO MATTER WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

WHAT ABOUT ME THEN? WHAT HAPPENS TO ME IN THIS?

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...

... JANG-GUN NEEDS TO KNOW IF YOU TRUST HIM COMPLETELY.

HI

YOU'RE RIGHT...

WELL, I ACCEPT! I WILL HELP YOU TOO!

GRR

PAK

THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS... IT TOUCHES ME TO THE HEART.

BUT I WON'T NEED YOUR HELP.

WHAT?!

I STARTED TO WORK ON SOMETHING WITHOUT TELLING YOU, AND I THOUGHT YOU WOULD TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY.

...

BUT BESIDES THAT, I'M JUST FINE ON MY OWN.

NO! WAIT!

AFTER THINKING IT THROUGH, I MIGHT NEED A HAND!

NIARK

YOU'RE FUCKIN' KIDDING US...

바둥바둥 FWIP FWIP

YUREKA SCANS

PLEASE PURCHASE THIS MANGA
WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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Access to this space is restricted.

Please proceed to the level 9 identity control.

MYUNG-GUN JUNG.

- Vocal test succeeded -

Proceeding to stage 2.

ZWIP

- Digital thumbprint succeeded -

Proceeding to stage 3 ...

BIP

Stage 198.

The Approach

YOU'RE LATE, MR. JUNG!

YOU KNOW THAT A MAN WORKING UNDERCOVER HAS NUMEROUS LIMITS.

ZZT

DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU WERE FOLLOWED...?

NOT THIS TIME, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME...

SPEAKING OF TIME...

... YOUR REPORT MENTIONED A RISK OF NOT FINISHING ON TIME!

YES, IN ESSENCE... IT WAS ONLY A POSSIBILITY, BUT WE COULDN'T IGNORE IT.

I APPRECIATE YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, BUT YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT WE ARE SHORT ON TIME!

I'M AWARE OF THAT.

THE SLIGHTEST OVERSHOOT IN DELAY COULD COST US GREATLY.

WE HAVE TO FINISH EVERYTHING BEFORE "IT'S" COMMERCIAL-IZATION.

WE EVEN RISK FINDING OURSELVES BACK AT SQUARE ONE!

TRUST ME. I HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL!

THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE IMPRESSION I GOT FROM YOUR REPORT!

...!

SOUND ONLY

IT'S NOT THAT I'M CHALLENGING YOU, MR. JUNG.

BUT AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL...

FFFH

BLOP

SOUND

...!!

WHAT'S UP?

...?!

CHIKI-CHIKI-BAM!

I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE! THEY'RE YOUNG...!

THESE TWO HAVE FINISHED THEIR STUDIES, AND I'M CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU.

CONSIDER THEM YOUR TRAINEES. JUST HAVING THEM WATCH YOU WORK WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL.

SOUND ONLY

AND WITH THAT, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE SO YOU CAN GET TO KNOW THEM.

SPIES...?

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURPRISED...

I'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS JOB AT MY HOUSE IF THE CONNECTION WASN'T SUCH A PAIN...

...BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M COOL WITH BEING IN THE ONLINE GAMING REALM.

...

CHIM CHIM BAM!

ACTUALLY, DADDY! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO BRING YOU AS A SOUVENIR?

SOUND ONLY 01

GLOUPS

ONLY 02

REALLY?! MICHAEL, I TOLD YOU TO KEEP THAT A SECRET!

MAYBE HE JUST OFFERED A VACATION TO HIS SON?

DIDIDI DAM

BZZZ

STOP! IT'S JUST STRAIGHT-OUT CRAP!

WELL, WHAT-EVER...

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

YOU HAVE SOME VISITORS, AND THEY INSIST ON MEETING YOU IN PERSON.

WE COULD COME BACK ANOTHER TIME IF HE'S BUSY, BUT I CAN'T PROMISE YOU A PRECISE DATE.

NO... I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY.

TELL THEM TO WAIT FOR ME DOWNSTAIRS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DUTY CALLS. THE SAME WAY WE ALWAYS END, RIGHT?

IN THE FUTURE, YOUR TWO EMISSARIES ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU MY REPORT.

...

NO ONE REQUESTS THAT.

...

NO, I PREFER IT.

One last thing! Am I supposed to tell you the working hours of your son?

UH... COUGH, COUGH! THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!!!

SOONER OR LATER, HE'LL BE HERE.

BIP

GREAT! SO WE DIDN'T COME HERE FOR NOTHING.

YOU'RE OKAY WITH PUTTING OUR DRINKS ON HIS TAB?

HERE'S THE MENU!

GREAT! WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

GO AHEAD, MIRENNE, HELP YOURSELF!

YOU KNOW THAT WE CAN'T DRINK!

AND WHO KNOWS WHAT HE COULD HAVE PUT IN OUR GLASSES...

PSST

ARE YOU MINORS? WE HAVE A LARGE SELECTION OF NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

I PROMISE TO NOT ADD ANY DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES...

HE'S PART OF THEIR GROUP... DEFINITELY AN NPC!

YOU'RE MAKING A FACE, *LITTLE GIRL*...

LISTEN, I ALWAYS TRY TO REMAIN POLITE TOWARDS WORTHY OPPONENTS...

...BUT I MIGHT CRACK DOWN ON YOU IF YOU INCREASE YOUR THREATS.

HE'S MORE THAN JUST A MESSENGER!!!

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO START A BRAWL...!!!

WE'LL TAKE NACHOS WITH CHEESE AND CHERRY COKE.

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE WE WANT.

WILL YOU HAVE A GLASS WITH US?

...

THAT'S A KIND OFFER, BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T.

EXCUSE ME. I'LL RETURN STRAIGHTAWAY WITH YOUR ORDER.

BRING US SOME ICE WATER TOO!

MAYBE HE'S JUST TRYING TO INTIMIDATE US...?

HE WORRIES ME...

CALM DOWN, MIRENNE. LET ME HANDLE IT!!!

THEY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT US; IT'S BETTER THAT WAY. I WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO TAKE US FOR AMATEURS...

HERE'S YOUR CHERRY COKE AND NACHOS WITH CHEESE.

YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE?

GO GIVE A GLASS FROM ME TO THE NEWCOMER.

OF COURSE, ALL THE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PAID FOR BY YOUR BOSS.

NO THANK YOU, I NEVER DRINK ON DUTY.

FSSH

THAT'S THE GUY WHO CAME OUT OF THE WALL THE OTHER DAY...

YOU REALLY GAVE ME A BEATING LAST TIME!

I LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN...

BUT DON'T WORRY, IT WASN'T TO GET REVENGE.

I KNOW IT WAS NOTHING PERSONAL!

YOU LIKE HER? IN MY OPINION, IT'S NOT A VERY GOOD IDEA...

YOU SEE, MIRENNE IS...

CRUNCH

NO! NO! NO! SHUT UP!!!

THAT'S NOT OUR GUY...

HE APPEARED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SAFETY ZONE, WHICH MEANS HE'S EITHER A HUNTER OR AN ASSASSIN!

...!

BUZZ

I THINK HE'S HERE.

OKAY. I'LL LET HIM IN.

THERE'S THE CLIENT... OR RATHER, THE EMPLOYER WHO PULLS THE STRINGS IN THE DARK!

SPRR

SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU WAIT...

HUH...?!

HE SEEMS YOUNG BASED ON THE VOICE...

IT'S THE GUY FROM THE DEXON COMPANY...

I DIDN'T WAIT AT ALL BEFORE COMING HERE TO SEE YOU.

I SEE THAT EVERY ONE HAS A GLASS IN HAND. *GIVE ME THE USUAL!*

GREAT.

HE'S MORE THAN A MERE UNDERLING...! OR AT LEAST HE KNOWS SOME PEOPLE IN HIGH POSITIONS...!

THIS COMPLICATES THINGS...

PFF

I ALREADY KNOW THE LADY; BUT YOU, *WHO ARE YOU?*

I FIND IT VERY CARELESS OF YOU TO LET US SEE YOUR REAL FACE, MR. MYUNG-GUN JUNG!

WHAT'S THE USE, EVEN IF YOU KNOW MY NAME...?

HEH HEH...

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

IT'S WEIRD...

...HE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE ...

THAT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME THOUGH...

UH... DID WE EVER BUMP INTO EACH OTHER BEFORE?

NEVER MIND, IT'LL COME BACK TO YOU.

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE FIGURES OUT WHAT IS GOING ON...

I'M SURE I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHERE...!

WELL TOO BAD! WE'LL JUST DEAL WITH IT WHEN THE TIME COMES.

MAYBE HE CHANGED HIS LOOK FROM THE LAST TIME!

LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS.

GOOD IDEA! AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.

WE'RE READY TO GIVE YOU THE ITEM IN QUESTION, BUT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WELL, THERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS.

I'M LISTENING TO THE CONDITIONS...!

GIVE US A PROPOSITION FIRST! THEN WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

DO YOU TAKE US FOR AMATEURS OR WHAT?

MY GOD! OF COURSE THEY RECEIVED SOME OTHER OFFERS!!!

THERE HAD TO HAVE BEEN SOME LEAKS...

BINGO!

HE'S PANICKING ...!

WHAT IS HE DOING...?!

MAYBE IT'S HIS WAY OF TESTING THE OPPONENT!

HE TAKES TOO MANY RISKS...! SEOL-HEE WILL BE IN GREAT DANGER IF THINGS TURN OUT WRONG!!!

AND WHILE WE'RE HERE, LET ME SAY THAT...

HEY, BOSS.

WHY ARE YOU MAKING LIFE HARD FOR YOURSELF?

FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME THE ORDER.

SAY "COMPRESS THEM"...

...AND IT'LL BE DONE!

CALM DOWN...! I ASSURE YOU THIS IS A BAD TIME...

COMPRES-SION...?

IN THEIR JARGON, THE WORD REFERS TO A TECHNIQUE AIMED AT ISO-LATING THE TARGET SO THAT HE OR SHE CAN NO LONGER LOG OFF OR COMMUNICATE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD...!

THE CONFRONTATION HAS BECOME INEVITABLE, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY NOT SO BAD...

BECAUSE THERE WE'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THE VIABILITY OF MY PLAN.

CLING

HA HA HA!!!

THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME... ACTUALLY, DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF "COMPRESSOR COMPRESSED"?

IF I WERE YOU, I'D THINK TWICE!

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, BRAT!

YUREKA SCANS

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Stage 199.

The Conditions

YOU'LL SOON GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!

QUIT IT! OUR CONVERSATION ISN'T OVER YET.

IT'LL BE CUT SHORT IF I'M COMPRESSED BY THIS BRUTE.

BUT CONVERSELY, I MIGHT COMPRESS YOU. ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THAT RISK, MR. JUNG?

...!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S BLUFFING...

ONE WORD FROM YOU AND I'LL SORT THIS KID OUT. TRUST ME!

THIS IS BAD! THAT GUY IS A PRO!

THE SITUATION IS GOING OUT OF OUR CON-TROL...!

HE'S TRYING TO GET AROUND YOU. YOU'RE AN IDIOT IF YOU LET HIM PLAY HIS GAME!

I'LL HELP YOU MAKE A DECISION.

LET'S TALK WHEN HE ISN'T HERE.

...

I WON'T BOTHER.

I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO.

BOTH OF YOU WILL BE "COMPRESSED." START WITH THE GIRL!

AND THIS TIME, YOU HAVE NO ROOM FOR ERROR!

VERY WELL, BOSS...

THIS IS A DISASTER! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED JANG-GUN..!!!

I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED, BUT THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.

I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM YOU, BOSS. YOU GET WHAT YOU PAID FOR; *HERE...!*

YOU'RE GOING TO *"BURN"* ALL ALONE!

THE GOOD LIFE IS OVER...

FOR ONCE, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT IT IS TO SLAVE AWAY!

HMM?

I HAVE A GOOD LIFE BECAUSE I'M THE BEST!

I'VE NEVER WORKED FOR NOTHING!

PFFT! YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME BY GRABBING MY ANKLE?

BANG

WHAT IS THIS RUCKUS? WE'RE NOT ON A PLAYGROUND!

FRR

DZINK

ONLY DIRECT ATTACKS COUNT FOR POINTS!!!

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU WAITING TO COME GET ME?

FLUSH

LET'S JUST SAY THAT DISTANCE ISN'T A PROBLEM FOR ME!!!

TCHAC

SCRITCH

GNN

COUGH!

TOO EASY!
I KNEW YOU WERE JUST BOASTING...

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN MANAGED TO GET CLOSE TO ME, AND THE GAME'S ALMOST OVER.

GET CLOSE TO YOU? WHY BOTHER?

TIC...

YOU DID THE WORK FOR ME BY COMING TO ME!

CRAC

HOW COULD THIS HURT SO BADLY...?!

MY FIREWALL IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST...!

JIN-WOO IS TOO STRONG...

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, PAL. THIS PROGRAM IS CAPABLE OF PIERCING JAEHA'S FIREWALL.

NOW, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH YOU...?

IT'D BE BORING TO LET YOU GET OFF WITH JUST A FEW BROKEN FINGERS!

FRT

I PREPARED A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR YOU!

KADAN

GLOUPS

YOUR NAILS ARE TOO LONG. WE'LL BE FIXING THAT!

CLIC

CLIC

AHHHHHH!

CHEER UP. WE'RE ALMOST DONE!!!

TCHAC

TCHAC

STOP!!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE...

UGH... WHY CAN'T I MOVE MY LEFT HAND?!

REFRESHING, ISN'T IT?

BLINK

IT'S TRAPPED IN ICE!!!

THE FLAMES WERE NOTHING BUT A DECOY!!

GREAT! NOW LET'S MOVE ON TO YOUR OTHER HAND!

@#$%^
&*\~!!!

DON'T BE SO SQUEA-MISH. YOU'RE NOT CREDIBLE AT ALL...

BEUH

HOW'S THE OTHER BATTLE?

BAROLO

WHAT?!

MIRENNE ...?!

...?!

FLIP

BWAAAAA!

HWA

QUICK! GET ME OUT OF HERE!

THEY BURIED HER ALL THE WAY UP TO HER NECK!

I WAS SCARED!!!

VERY NICE. YOUR OPPONENT RANKS AMONG THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS...

SCHOOL

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BUT HE IS WORTH-LESS AS A HOSTAGE, IT IS WE WHO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE.

WE HAVE TWO HOSTAGES INCLUDING ELCA. WHAT'S YOUR DECISION?

...

IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS...

I COMPLETELY AGREE.

IF IT DOESN'T MATTER TO YOU...

...WE CAN CONTINUE THIS LITTLE GAME BY ORGANIZING THE VICTOR'S FINALS!

DFF

I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE, MIRENNE. GO AHEAD AND LEAVE.

I BELIEVE HE'S HERE.

OKAY. I'LL LET HIM IN.

YOU CAN LOG OFF NOW THAT THERE ISN'T ANYONE MAINTAINING THE SAFETY ZONE!

OH NO...!

OH RIGHT, THAT'S TRUE!

SEE YOU LATER.

ZAP

WHAT WAS THAT? SHE SLIPPED RIGHT THROUGH OUR FINGERS AGAIN!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE VIGILANT.

AND HERE WE ARE BACK AT SQUARE ONE. WHAT IF WE RECOM-MENCE NEGOTIATIONS?

FIRST, LISTEN UP!

I SEE YOU TRIED TO GET THE UPPER HAND BY MAKING USE OF HOSTAGES...

IF YOU DON'T PLAY FAIR...

... I WON'T HESI-TATE TO DESTROY ALL OF THE DATA!

GULP... GOT IT.

UNLIKE WHAT I ORIGINALLY FEARED, HE HAS NO INTENTION OF SELLING THE HARD DISK ELSEWHERE...!

SO THE HOSTAGES REMAIN A GOOD WAY TO PRESSURE HIM...! BUT BETTER PLAY IT SAFE FOR NOW.

PERFECT! I'M DELIGHTED THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE!

COME, TAKE A GLASS AND RELAX!

UHH...

...TO BE FRANK, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO PROPOSE A SALE TO YOU...

...BUT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE "INFORMED."

INFORMED ABOUT WHAT?

I SEE LOTS OF POTENTIAL IN THIS NEW SYSTEM!

I FEEL THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO CONFER IT OVER TO WHOEVER CAN TAKE THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE OF IT.

SO, I DECIDED TO PUT IT UP FOR "AUCTION"!

WHAT THE...! WHAT DO AUCTIONS HAVE TO DO WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM?

IT'S MORE LIKE YOU WANT TO GET THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DOUGH...

LISTEN UNTIL I'M DONE BEFORE YOU GET ALL WORKED UP!

THE RICHEST WON'T BE THE ONE WHO WIN THE AUCTION...

...BUT THE MOST "COMPETENT"!

...ARE YOU SERIOUS?

OF COURSE! AND NOW - OPEN YOUR EARS WIDE - I WILL EXPLAIN THE RULES TO YOU...

Drive

IS IT ALREADY FINISHED?

THE SAFETY ZONE IS DEACTIVATED.

YOU'RE LATE...

I FIGURED YOU'D HAVE FINISHED THIS MISSION OFF ON YOUR OWN...

I'M TOUCHED BY YOUR CONFIDENCE IN ME, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE!

THE PROBLEM COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF YOU HAD COME ON TIME.

SORRY ABOUT THAT. IT TURNED OUT THAT SOMETHING CAME UP.

WHEN YOU HIRED ME, I SPECIFIED THAT I WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE FREE!

I HOPE YOU RE-MEMBER THAT?

WITHOUT BEING INDISCRETE, WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

I COULDN'T LEAVE PODONG ALONE WHILE SHE WAS HAVING HER BABIES.

BLURP

SHE BROUGHT FOUR ADORABLE BALLS OF FUR INTO THIS WORLD.

BAM

UHM... I'M GUESSING PODONG IS THE NAME OF YOUR DOG...?

GRR

NO, SHE'S A PUREBRED RUSSIAN BLUE CAT!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT A KITTEN? IT'LL COST NEXT TO NOTHING.

AND THIS PHONY IS SUPPOSEDLY ONE OF THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS...

NO THANK YOU!!!

I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A LAST CHANCE.

BUT THIS TIME, DON'T DIS-APPOINT ME.

I'M ENTIRELY AT YOUR BECK AND CALL, NOW THAT MY CAT HAS HAD HER KITTENS.

WHAT'S THE TARGET?

IT'S NOT A "HUMAN" TARGET!

VERY INTEREST-ING...

CERTAIN NON-HUMAN CREATURES CAN PROVE TO BE FORMI-DABLE...

YOU FLATTER ME... BUT I'M NOTHING BUT A SIMPLE ASSISTANT.

YOU HAVE IN-FORMATION ON THE TARGET?

I'LL GET TO THAT IN DUE TIME. I MUST FIRST TELL YOU THE RULES OF THE AUCTION.

FFH

PLOF!

WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION TOO!

BUT... HOW DID YOU GET IN?

SCROM

WE FOLLOWED YOU! DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?

CHIK!! CHIK!! BAM!

INTRUDERS?

NO... THEY'RE ACTUALLY WITH ME...

THEY'RE AWFULLY EFFICIENT FOR MERE SPIES...!

WE ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE RULES.

JUST GIVE US THE HEADS UP ONCE YOU DECIDE ON A DATE AND PLACE!

BIP

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

WE DO NOT WANT UNFAIR COMPETITION!

YOU WORK FOR MR. JUNG?

WELL... THEN, YOU'RE "*FIRED*"!

HUH?! UNDER WHAT RIGHT...?!

I'D SUGGEST YOU GO FIND WORK SOMEWHERE ELSE!

TOO MUCH. IT'S TOO MUCH!!!

THAT'S ENOUGH!!!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU SWALLOW YOUR WORDS!

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PLOP

HWIT

HWIT

WHERE'D HE GO?

I CAN'T PICK HIM UP ANYMORE! HE'S NOT IN MY SCANNER!!!

HE'S NOT THE INVISIBLE MAN, AS FAR AS I KNOW!!!

COME ON! HE CAN'T BE TOO FAR...!

PAF

GH AH!

OUCH!

ARGH!

HMM...?!

PIF

PAF

UGH...

SCRITCH

I'VE GOT YOU NOW! YOUR MOVEMENTS GAVE YOU AWAY!

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, DIRTY BRAT!

FZZ

ZING

OIE!!!

YOU'LL FINALLY TASTE THE PAIN!

TCHAC

HE CAN'T TOUCH THE KID...

CALM DOWN!

THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

WHAT KIND OF JOKE... IS THIS?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

YOUR SKILL IS NONEXISTENT!

I MOVED AWAY AGES AGO ALREADY...

YOU USE THE SAME TECHNIQUE THAT I DO...?

OH NO!

ARE YOU TRYING TO INSULT ME?

YOU AND I, WE'RE ON COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVELS!

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH, KID! DON'T MAKE ME INTERVENE!!!

ZAP

SKLINK

...

PITY! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO THERE TOO...?

I FULLY SUPPORT DISCRETION, BUT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT WITH ME, YOU'LL FIND IT!

OH. DO YOU HAPPEN TO BE MY OPPONENT?

I REFUSE TO DO NOTHING WHILE THE HONOR OF MY PROFES-SION IS CALLED INTO QUESTION!

...

WHAT DO WE DO...?

JUST LIKE YOU, I'M AT MY WITS END.

FIOU

COME WHAT MAY...!

...?!

WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S A SQUABBLE AFOOT...

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED AFTER WE LEFT!

FORGET IT! IT'S THEIR PROBLEM IF THEY WANT TO OFF EACH OTHER...

... I FEEL LIKE YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME EVERYTHING!

DID YOU AT LEAST ASK THEM FOR NEWS ABOUT ELCA?

YES, BUT...

WE HAVE TO STICK TO THE PLAN. REMEMBER, YOU AGREED!

YES, BUT NOT FOR THE FIGHT. YOU ALWAYS JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT AND DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANYONE ELSE!

YOU'RE ANNOYING ME! AND FIRST, STOP STICKING TO ME!

BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA

I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO MISTAKE US TO BE A COUPLE!

Fine. Same with me.

BEUH

I MIGHT BE A WOMAN, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M INTERESTED IN GUYS.

AH YEAH, NICE.

TAP

TAP

TAP

SO IT SEEMS THAT MYUNG-GUN JUNG IS AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS...

AREN'T YOU AFRAID HE'LL UNMASK YOU?

IT'LL BE GOOD IF HE FIGURES OUT THE TRUTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE TO DO MY BEST TO MAINTAIN THE PRESSURE.

NOW IT'S UP TO LOTTO...

I feel like it's not my name anymore...

WELL, ARE YOU COMING? WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO HERE.

GO AHEAD, WE CAN MEET UP LATER.

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, IN THIS CORNER...

HERE, PERHAPS?

...

TAP TAP- TAP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THERE'S NOTHING AROUND HERE...

TECHNICALLY...

...WE'VE ARRIVED AT A CUL-DE-SAC.

*A CUL-DE-SAC (LITERALLY "BOTTOM OF BAG") IS A WORD OF FRENCH ORIGIN REFERRING TO A DEAD END, CLOSE, NO THROUGH ROAD OR COURT, MEANING DEAD-END STREET WITH ONLY ONE INLET/OUTLET

THIS MANHOLE HAS SOMETHING OFF ABOUT IT...

I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT.

主人长

IN THE NAME OF THE MASTER!!!

CLONG

FLUSH

COOL, IT WORKED!

IT'S NOT BAD, EVEN IF THE SECURITY LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED!

TAP

SO THE RUMORS WERE RIGHT! THIS PLACE EXISTS...

TAP

TAP

I FEEL AS EXCITED AS IF I PENETRATED AN UNKNOWN FORTRESS!

JANG-GUN...!

WAIT FOR ME! I WANT TO COME

HUH? HE DISAPPEARED!

I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER WAY OUT...

IS IT STILL FAR OFF?

I WENT DOWN AT LEAST TWO OR THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS...

AH, THERE'S LIGHT!

THIS MUST BE THE ENTRANCE!

HELLO... ANYONE THERE?

歡迎光臨~

PLEASE BE WELCOME.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR?

I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU'LL FIND EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN THIS GENERAL STORE...

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Recruitment Notice

HERE, IT'S ON THE HOUSE.

I DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY HERE DOWN HERE TO SIP SOME TEA.

SO IT'S TRUE...? YOU HAVE IT IN STORE YET?

THE RESEARCH IS ONGOING.

IT'S A BIT LONG SINCE THE OBJECT YOU REQUESTED IS QUITE PARTICULAR...

YES... IF THEY ALREADY HAD IT, SOME OTHERS WOULD HAVE ALREADY PUT THEIR HANDS ON IT.

IT'S GOOD, I HAVE IT...!

SERIOUSLY? IT'S NOT A JOKE?!

WAIT A LITTLE BIT. I'M CHECK-ING THE DATA.

HMM... HMM... HUH?

FALSE ALARM... IT'S PROBABLY THE SAME SORT OF OBJECT WITH A LOWER QUALITY.

IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS SORT OF PROBLEM!

THAT'S WEIRD.

THAT IS TO SAY...?

WE COUNT TONS OF CLAIMS AGAINST "**ZERO**" OFFERS.

AND SO THE CHANCES FOR THIS AFFAIR TO BE CONCLUDED ARE NULL. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS BEFORE!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING! OH WELL, AT LEAST I TRIED...

COULD YOU TELL ME THE AVERAGE OFFER FOR THE BUYERS?

FOR THIS KIND OF CASE, THE OFFER IS DETERMINED "*AFTER THE OBJECT IS RETRIEVED*".

AND TO BE HONEST, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SORT OF LIMIT.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE SELLER DOES WHATEVER HE WANTS!

IN MY OPINION, THE DEMAND IS 2 TO 3 TIMES GREATER THAN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET INDEX.

THE BEST WOULD BE TO DO AN AUCTION ON THE BLACK MARKET TO SEE WHAT THE PRICE IS.

DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE TO THE AUCTION? YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY THE INSCRIPTION FEE...

WHAT'S THE POINT? THIS OBJECT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST...

WE COULD CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS IT'S SPREAD ON THE REGULAR MARKET.

NO THANKS! I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT THE PRICE WAS AT THE MOMENT...

BUT LET'S SAY I WANTED TO SELL IT.

WOULD YOU WANT TO BE MY MIDDLEMAN?

FLUSH

SELL IT TO US!

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO?

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT? YOUR PRICE WILL BE OUR PRICE!

IT'S NOT THE MONEY THAT I'M INTERESTED IN, IT'S AN AUCTION WITH VERY SPECIAL CONDITIONS...

WE COULD EVEN ORGANISE YOUR ESCAPE OUT OF THE COUNTRY; UNLESS YOU PREFER A PRESTIGIOUS POST?

SHE'S PUSHING LIKE CRAZY! IT'S ALMOST FRIGHTENING...

NOTHING PREVENTS YOU FROM BIDDING TOO. EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TRY HIS LUCK.

...

IF YOU CAME TO SEE US, IT IS ONLY TO RECRUIT PARTICIPANTS, IS NOT IT?

EXACTLY. IF YOU ACCEPT, YOU'LL GET A BIG COMMISSION.

YOU HAVE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE BY CHOOSING US.

I HEARD YOU WERE THE BEST.

AND DON'T FORGET I WANT AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE.

OF COURSE, THAT WILL ONLY RAISE OUR COMMISSION...

YOU SURE KNOW YOUR BUSINESS.

OUR UPMOST CONCERN IS TO SATISFY OUR CUSTOMERS.

TAC TAC

IT'S REALLY A SAFETY WALL.

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DISABLE IT.

AND I DON'T HAVE THE REQUIRED TOOLS. TOO BAD, I'LL JUST WAIT FOR JANG-GUN.

ZAP

WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME?!

WOW! YOU WAITED FOR ME?

YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME, NO?

IT SUCKS WHEN YOU DO THINGS LIKE THAT!!

HEY WAIT! I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING I DO! WE WEREN'T MARRIED LAST TIME I CHECKED!

THAT... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT! I WAS WORRIED!

REALLY? THANKS, THAT'S SO NICE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M SOUND AND SAFE. NOW MOVE IT!

TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE! I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.

BE PATIENT. I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING AT JIN-WOO'S HOUSE.

WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND THE BAZAAR?

IT WASN'T COMPLICATED, IT SEEMS SECURITY IS THE LEAST OF THEIR CONCERNS...

YOU'RE WRONG! THAT PLACE CAN'T BE ACCESSED BY EVERYBODY.

THEY MONOPOLISE ALL OF CHINA'S BLACK MARKET AND THE CYBER-POLICE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM.

EVEN THOUGH THEIR LOCATION LOOKS SHABBY!

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER. AND DID YOU GET THE INFORMATION YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR?

YES, AND EVEN BETTER THAN THAT... I FEEL WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN.

REALLY...?

YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY?

AND WHY NOT? IT'S USELESS TO CRACK YOUR HEAD OVER THINGS YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT...

ADMIT THAT IT'S GETTING PRETTY EXCITING WHEN EXPOSING THE PUBLIC TO THE DANGER!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...?

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

WAIT A MINUTE! DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO INVOLVE YOUR FRIENDS IN ALL THIS!

OUR ADVERSARIES WERE ALWAYS VERY SECRETIVE.

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING THEY WANT WHEN MANY PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED!

AND SINCE WE DON'T KNOW THE FORCE OF THE ENEMY, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET PREPARED AND ASSEMBLE A BIG TEAM ON OUR SIDE!

YEAH, A COUPLE.

YOU HAVE NAMES ON YOUR LIST?

AND YOU? ANYONE YOU COULD RECOMMEND?

...

I KNOW A FEW PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US...

I KNEW IT! ADMIT YOU ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

BUT I'M WARNING YOU! WE CAN'T ACCEPT JUST ANYBODY! WE NEED TOP CLASS PEOPLE!

AND KNOWING HOW RISKY ALL OF THIS IS, THEY MUST BE VOLUNTEERS.

SAY, MIRENNE! DO YOU KNOW ANY GOOD PLAYERS IN YOUR ENTOURAGE...?

UNLIKE YOU, I DON'T SPEND MY LIFE CONNECTED TO THAT GAME!

IN ANY CASE, I DON'T KNOW MANY PEOPLE.

OH! BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...

Ah finally! Who are you thinking of?

HUH... NOTHING, NOTHING! NO ONE! HE HE...

칼ㅌH KWIT

칼ㅌH!! KWIT

I SAY WE SEE WHERE WE'RE AT AFTER EACH OF US ARE DONE RECRUITING.

GOT IT! I'M GONNA CONTACT ROW AND THE LOVELY ANGELS.

GRR

HH!!

I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO YOUR LITTLE SCHEME...!!

IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT BUT THE FIRST PERSON I'M THINKING OF IS ARADON... IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S VERY SKILLED...

MAYBE HWAN WOULD HELP US, BUT AS FOR THE OTHERS...

NO ONE ELSE COMES TO MIND! MAYBE I SHOULD GO OUT A BIT MORE OFTEN...

OK, WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY! WE RE-GROUP IN TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS!

WELL, IT'LL BE WITHOUT ME...!!

P.O.C

FLIP

BLAM

EXIT

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

OH MY, THE WORLD HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN...!

UNLIKE WHAT MOST PEOPLE THINK, BEING A VETERAN DOESN'T MAKE YOU BETTER THAN AN AMATEUR!

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...

YOU'RE ANGRY, AREN'T YOU? YOU WERE EXPECTING THEM TO KICK OUR ASSES...

BUT OF COURSE NOT! I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO SEPARATE YOU.

THEY PREVENTED ME FROM HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY SUPERIORS, BUT THIS SITUATION IS FAR FROM MAKING ME DELIGHTED..

C'MON, RELAX. WE'RE NOT SEARCHING FOR PROBLEMS.

ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE A PASSION FOR ONLINE GAMING.

THERE'S TONS OF GREAT PLAYERS IN THIS COUNTRY!

AND IF YOU GIVE US A HAND WITH MEETING THEM, I'LL INTERCEDE WITH DADDY FOR YOU.

COULD IT BE A TEST...?

THEN AGAIN, HE COULD REALLY JUST BE A GAMER!

WHY NOT HELP EACH OTHER? IT'S A WIN-WIN DEAL!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT'LL BE GOOD FOR YOUR CAREER IF YOU'RE SEEN WELL BY THE COMPANY...

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT MY JOB!

YES, BUT WHAT DO I GAIN?

IF I GIVE YOU AN HAND, I WANT ADVANTAGES ON THE "PERSONAL" LEVEL!

THAT'S A "WIN-WIN" DEAL!

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT...

ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY... BUT THERE'S ALWAYS SOME OTHER WAYS FOR US TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT!

IF YOU WANT, WE CAN REPLACE THOSE SCUMBAGS!

AS YOU HAVE SEEN, WE'RE PRETTY GOOD OURSELVES!...

I ALREADY HAVE A FIRST CLASS SUPPORTER...

I'M FLATTERED...

WE TRIED TO DEAL WITH HIM BUT HE DIDN'T LET US.

YEAH, HE CAN HOLD HIS GROUND.

WHO'S HIS MAKER? HE DID A GOOD JOB...

MY MASTER GOT RID OF ME BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED ME A "FAILURE".

YOU'RE SERIOUS?

LEAVE HIM BE, YOU GUYS. YOU HAVE DONE ENOUGH

TALK ALREADY!

WHAT DO YOU WANT!

OH, IT'S NOTH-ING REALLY...

RRRRR

ALPHA'S NET ROOM, *HELLO!*

WHO? *WUNHA...?*

HE'S HAVING FUN WHILE HIS EMPLOYEE IS RUNNING THE SHOP. *WHY?*

BAM

WHAT KIND OF WAY IS THAT TO ANSWER THE PHONE?!

MY FATHER IS GOING TO FIRE ME IF HE LEARNS OF IT!!

GLOUPS

IT'S THE TRUTH NONETHELESS, ISN'T IT? DEAL WITH YOUR DECISIONS!

WHO IS IT?! GIVE ME THAT PHONE!

HE HUNG UP IN ORDER TO NOT BOTHER YOU!

FLIP

LET ME REFRESH YOUR MEMORY.

IF I'M FIRED, SO ARE YOU!

DON'T CARE. AND YOUR LITTLE PERFORMANCE WON'T WORK!

LET'S SEE WHO CALLED. PRAY THAT IT'S NOT MY FATHER!

WHY? I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'LL TAKE THE FALL.

HMM? WHAT DOES HE WANT?

IT WASN'T YOUR DADDY? *WHAT A SHAME.*

ARE YOU DOING IT ON PURPOSE OR WHAT? IF YOU HATE ME, JUST SAY IT!

BY THE WAY... THE SERVER OF *"LAST SAGA"* SHOULD SOON BE ACCESSIBLE IN BETA.

YOU HID YOUR GAME NICELY!

I WAS JUST SAYING IT LIKE THAT, NO PARTICULAR

BUT OH WELL, I'M NOT CONCERNED SINCE MY REQUEST AS A TESTER WAS DECLINED...

IN THE PAST, EACH ROOM COULD RECOMMEND 2 TO 3 TESTERS, BUT IT'S NOT THE CASE ANYMORE!

NOW, ONLY THE GAMERS WHO PLAYED A LOT ARE ACCEPTED!

YEAH, BUT YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE AT DEXON! WHY NOT TALK TO THEM ABOUT ME?

FWIT

YOU'RE PRETTY FAST IN BUSINESS!

WELL, THERE MAY BE A WAY...

PLEASE! SAY YES! SAY YES!

ARE YOU PREPARED TO WORK FOR 6000 WONS PER HOUR?

ARGH

IT'S REVOLTING! YOU DAMN SLAVE DRIVER!

YOU'RE FREE TO SAY NO. IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO ACCEPT MY OFFER AFTER ALL.

6000 WONS IS JUST TOO LOW!!

YOU CAN TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!

YOU COULD AT LEAST GIVE ME 6400... NO, EVEN 6200 WONS!

DLING

DEAL ACCEPTED FOR 6100 WONS.

OH, THERE'S A GHOST! HOW ARE YOU?

Sniff! He got me...

WANT TO HAVE A GAME? WE GOT TIME.

HUH... HI...

I... I HAVE SOMETHING... TO TELL YOU...

STOP STUTTERING! IT'S IMPORTANT IF YOU WANT TO BE RESPECTED BY THE OTHER PLAYERS...

I TRY... BUT... IT'S HARD...

DID YOU FINALLY TALK TO YOUR SISTER ABOUT ME? WHAT DID SHE TELL YOU?

IT'S... UNRELATED. *SAY...* CAN YOU LEND ME... A COMPUTER?

WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR? YOU WANT TO SHOW ME A PICTURE OF YOUR SISTER?

TIP TIP TIP TIP

IT HAS... NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT...

HEY, IS THAT A WEBSITE OF THE BLACK MARKET?

TIP TIP TIP TIP

IT'S THERE... WHERE I FOUND MY PROGRAM...

I'M... A REGULAR. SOMETIMES WE CAN FIND... INTERESTING OFFERS...

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT... THIS?

THE DOPPEL-GANGER PROGRAM! I HEARD PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SEARCH-ING FOR IT FOR YEARS...

WHAT'S MORE...

INCREDIBLE! THERE'S NOT A SINGLE APPLI-CANT LEFT...!

SOMEONE PROBABLY PUT IT ON SALE!

THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS! GO BACK TO WORK!

ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH... THE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE...

TIP TIP TIP

BUT IT'S A VERY SPECIAL AUCTION...

IT'LL TAKE THE FORM OF A BATTLE ROYAL?

THE BATTLE CAN BE ENTERED BY ANY-BODY AS LONG AS YOU PAY THE REGIS-TRATION FEES.

BIDS RISE AT EACH VICTORY.

IT'S A GREAT IDEA! I WONDER WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS.

You stopped stuttering...

MAYBE I SHOULD PARTICIPATE TOO?

BUT THERE'S A LITTLE PROBLEM...

ARGH!

THAT'S A HUMONGOUS SUM...!

SO, THE REGISTRATION FEES ARE THE STARTING PRICE.

ARE YOU ALSO INTERESTED IN THIS ITEM?

HUH... NO.

BUT... DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE? THEIR WAY OF DOING THINGS SUGGEST THAT THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE FINAL PRICE...

INDEED... MONEY ISN'T WHAT MATTERS THE MOST IN THE AUCTION...

THE NOTIFICATION SAYS THE DETAILS OF THE RULES WILL SOON BE ONLINE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE HIGHER THE NUMBER OF PARTI CIPANTS, THE GREATER THE REWARD!

IT'S AN AUCTION IN WHICH SKILLS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY!

SPEAKING OF THAT... LOOK AT THIS...

CLIC

A RECRUITMENT NOTICE?

A PARTICIPANT WHO HAS THE MONEY, BUT NOT THE TALENT IS SEARCHING FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN PLAY INSTEAD OF HIM.

HMM... I COULD ACCEPT THIS KIND OF OFFER!

WHO, YOU? STOP DREAMING.

I'LL CLEAR ALL OF MY DEBTS IF IT WORKS!

YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF BEING CHOSEN! AND YOU? WANNA TRY?

I DON'T KNOW...

I DON'T THINK THE PROMOTERS ARE AS INDIFFERENT AS THEY MAKE YOU BELIEVE.

OK

WHAT'S THE CATCH?

IF I WAS A PARTICIPANT... I WOULD HIRE AS MANY PEOPLE AS I COULD AND MAKE THEM WORK TOGETHER.

I COULD MAKE THE BIDS GO HIGHER AT THE EXPENSE OF MY RIVALS...

YES, THAT WOULD ALSO BE THE FIRST THING I WOULD DO.

BUT LET'S SAY THE RULES ONLY ALLOW 1 VS 1!

IT'S A GOOD WAY TO NOT GET STABBED IN THE BACK.

EVEN IF THERE WERE OVERTIME, THE BEST PLAYERS WOULD GAIN THE ADVANTAGE.

IT'S A GOOD WAY TO GO IF THE GAME HAS A TIME LIMIT.

YOU MUST BE CREATIVE WHEN THE RULES ARE THIS AMBIGUOUS.

THE WEAKER ONES WOULD GIVE THEM AN EDGE BY LETTING THEM REST.

...

TELL ME, I DO NOT RECOGNISE YOU ANYMORE! SINCE WHEN WERE YOU THIS FRIENDLY WITH WUNHA?!

WHY? IS IT FORBIDDEN...?

I CAN'T STAND BEING WITH ARADON ANYMORE. IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO MY OWN WAY.

SAY...

WHATEVER THE TYPE OF GAME, IT'LL BE THE PROS OF LOST SAGA AND CYBER QUEST THAT HAVE THE MOST CHANCES...

... YOU THINK HE'LL PARTICI-PATE TOO?

IN MY OPINION, MANY RESEARCH-ERS WILL BE LOOK-ING FOR PLAYERS OF SIMILAR LEVEL TO ARADON.

I HATE HIM! HE'S SO ABUSIVE...

YOU KNOW WHAT AWAITS YOU NOW.

YOU'LL BE THE NEW STOOGE OF ARADON!

SPEAK FOR YOUSELF...!

I WAS AWESOME LAST TIME.

HA HA HA

I DIDN'T TRY TOO HARD, BUT I SAW THAT HE WAS IM-PRESSED.

ARADON ALWAYS WAS A LONE WOLF...

D... DO WHAT YOU WANT...

B... BUT ME, I'M PARTICIPATING!

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST ARADON BUT... WHY NOT?

I'M CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO DO...

AND ME, I WANT TO BE DONE WITH THIS CRAPPY JOB.

OK! ALL THREE OF US ARE REGISTERING!

HOW MUCH IS IT PAID AGAIN?

IT TOOK ME QUITE SOME TIME TO FIND YOU. CONSIDERING THAT YOU AREN'T ONLINE THAT OFTEN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I'M PEIPEI, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BAZAAR. AND YOU'RE ARADON, ARE YOU NOT?

COULD YOU SPARE ME A BIT OF YOUR TIME? I HAVE AN OFFER YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN.

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I GET IT. BUT THE ANSWER IS *NO!*

THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL WOULD WE PARTICIPATE IN SOMETHING THIS DANGEROUS.

IN THE BEGINNING, WE ACCEPTED OUT OF CURIOSITY; BUT NOW YOU'RE JUST ASKING TOO MUCH OF US.

YES, I'M REALLY SORRY.

SLURP

OK, CYA...

Huh...

WHAT IS IT?

JANGKUN GOT HIMSELF CAUGHT IN SOME WEIRD BUSINESS. WELL, IT'S NOT SURPRISING SINCE IT'S HIM...

AND I MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO BE DRAGGED INTO HIS PROBLEMS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A WEIRD BUSINESS? *TELL ME...*

HE DIDN'T TELL ME MUCH...

OH, IT'S NEARLY TIME!

JANG-GUN NEEDS US TO GO ON WITH HIS INVESTIGATION?

HE DIDN'T SAY WHAT HE WANTED EXACTLY BUT IT SEEMS OBVIOUS!

IT WAS A BAD IDEA TO GET INVOLVED WITH THAT.

IT'S BETTER NOT TO GET INVOLVED BEFORE THINGS WORSEN.

COME, THIS STORY DOESN'T CONCERN US ANY LONGER.

HEY, JIN-MEE!

YOU COULD HAVE ASKED WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU THINK?!

LOGE DES ARTISTES

WE'RE BOTH CONCERNED AND I THINK I HAVE MY OWN OPINION, DON'T I?

BUT OF COURSE, YOU MADE THE DE-CISION ALONE...

BUT...

... HOW DARE YOU?! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE MY DECISIONS FOR ME?

OH?

IN FACT, YOU'RE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS WITHOUT THE HELP OF YOUR PARTNER! YOU ALWAYS NEED SOMEONE TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO.

SORRY...

... I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME.

SORRY FOR BEING LATE! ARE YOU READY?

HA HA

THE DISCUSSION WITH THE PRODUCTION TOOK MORE TIME THAN EXPECTED. I HOPE WE'LL SOON HAVE GOOD NEWS.

OKAY, LET'S GET GOING! WE'LL HAVE A SNACK ON THE ROAD TO SAVE SOME TIME.

IT SUCKS! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO CALMLY HAVE BREAKFAST ANYMORE...

THAT'S THE LIFE OF STARS, LADIES. JUST BE HAPPY ABOUT IT!

WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT IN THE CAR, OK...?

ALL RIGHT...

WHY AM I SO OBSESSED BY WHAT HE SAID...?

THANK YOU, SIR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD BECOME WITHOUT YOU. *HA HA HA!*

...

YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT FOR A LONG TIME...?

...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

WHAT YOU TOLD ME EARLIER.

WHY DID YOU GET SO UPSET?

...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, IT'S MINE. I'M ALWAYS SO PASSIVE...

WOULD HE HAVE GUESSED THIS WOULD BE MY REACTION...?

UNLESS I'M UNCONSCIOUSLY REPRODUCING HIS OUTLINE...?

LET'S SAY I ALWAYS DO THE CONTRARY OF WHAT HE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED ME TO DO...!

TOO BAD, IT WOULDN'T BE OF MY OWN WILL...

HEY, GINA!

HUH?

SORRY, I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING...

...

YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY...?!

HEY HEY! IT WAS TO LOOSEN UP THE ATMO-SPHERE...

GINA...?

SORRY...

WHAT IS IT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE QUARRELLING AGAIN?

SNIFF, SNIFF.

CAREFUL!
YOU'RE GONNA RUIN HER MAKE-UP!

AND WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR RETOUCHES...!

You don't have a heart!!

TRY CALMING HER DOWN BEFORE WE GET TO THE STUDIO!

IT'S STILL ABOUT THAT? LISTEN, WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT.

DON'T CRY...

BUT, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...?

I FEEL SO LOST...

MAYBE I WAS BORN WITHOUT WILL...

THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME SO SAD...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR LAST GAME?

NAN DE!

NAN DE!

...

YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME?

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED...?

...

I'M SO SORRY...

STOP APOLOGIZING *ALL THE TIME!* IT GETS EMBARRASSING...

EVEN IF WE FIGHT SO MUCH, WE NEVER HAD TO SAY SORRY...

ARE YOU BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ME WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS?

...

Sigh...

YOU KNOW... YOU'RE NOT GIVING ME ANY CHOICE...

YOU'RE FREE TO REFUSE!

IF IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH JANG-GUN'S CALL, THEN YES.

BUT IN EXCHANGE, YOU MUST TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.

HEY, THAT'S...

...I WON'T GO BACK ON THAT CONDITION!

STOP IT, YOU TWO! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

CONCENTRATE ON THE ROAD!!

YOU CAN'T DENY YOU'RE FORCING ME TO ACCEPT!

WHY ARE YOU SO SECRETIVE? WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

... THAT I'LL CHANGE MY MIND AFTER LISTENING TO YOU?

...

OK, I ACCEPT.

BUT I'LL TELL YOU LATER!

WHY?!

BECAUSE WE HAVE WORK TO!

...!!

VIDEO GAMES HAVE THE WIND IN THEIR SAILS IN THE WORLD OF TELEVISION.

IT ALL DEPENDS OF WHAT TYPE OF GAME IT IS, RIGHT?

SATELLITE CHANNELS ARE FIGHTING OVER WHO GETS TO BROADCAST THE MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS IS THE SIZE OF THE MARKET.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR GAMES THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EXPORTED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

HMM...

I DON'T KNOW IF OUR GAME WILL GENERATE THE SAME CRAZE ABROAD...

FFFH

THERE ARE NUMEROUS COUNTRIES WHERE THE NETTY ISN'T WELL IMPLEMENTED YET. IF WE GIVE THEM A GAME CHANNEL, IT IS GUARANTEED SUCCESS!

Ha ha ha

ACCORDING TO A STUDY, THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ABROAD IS INCREASING...

PROMISE? YOU'LL TELL ME EVERYTHING AT HOME?

OF COURSE...

DAMN, I REGRET SKIPPING BREAK-FAST NOW...

STOP COM-PLAINING! WE'LL EAT AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THE RECORDING.

THINK ABOUT YOUR DIET!

OH...?

BLA BLA

...?

KU KU...

KOF

TAP

TAP

JUST WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS? THIS WAS A NON-SMOKING AREA LAST TIME I CHECKED!

HEY, WHAT IS IT?

WHAT....?!

THE RESEM-
BLANCE WITH

ARE YOU COMING?! WE'RE ALREADY LATE, YOU KNOW!

SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

SAY... WHO WAS THAT GUY...?

HE'S THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. AS FOR THE OTHER, I DON'T KNOW...

...

COULD YOU FIND OUT ABOUT HIM?

ANYTHING YOU WANT, GET MOVING NOW!!

THEY LOOK SIMILAR DESPITE THE AGE DIFFERENCE...

HE LOOKED LIKE HIM WITH A FEW MORE YEARS...!

THE GAME MAKERS TRIED TO REPRODUCE THE BRAIN PATTERNS OF A PERSON TO INSTALL IT ON AN A.I.

HE'S THE COPY OF THIS OLD MAN. I WILL BET MY LIFE ON IT...!!

DEXT

SLAP

HERE'S THE REPORT. COMPLETE IT AS YOU WISH...

... AND OF COURSE, NOT A WORD TO THE CEO.

THIS PROJECT IS USING IMPRESSIVE SUMS OF MONEY; WHAT IS IT?

IT'S COMPLICATED... BUT IT'S ALL WORTH IT.

IF WE SUCCEED, WE COULD END ALL OUR PROBLEMS...

... BUT THE OPERATION REQUIRES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RISK.

NOT TO THE POINT OF DESTROYING EVERYTHING THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED, I HOPE?

...

YOU SEEM NERVOUS... I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN A RUSH?

I'M ASKING QUESTIONS, THAT'S ALL! DO THE BEST WITH IT SO THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.

NO NEED TO WORRY. I'LL BE CAREFUL.

AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR MISSION IS ABOUT, BUT I WAS HOPING FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE SINCERITY ON YOUR PART!

I'LL REMIND YOU THAT WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT HERE!!

HA HA HA! IN THE SAME BOAT YOU SAY...?

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD HEAR THAT FROM YOU.

YOU'RE MORE THE TYPE THAT EATS FROM ALL RACKS!

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MEGA'S CEO TOLD YOU, BUT LET'S MAKE THINGS CLEAR.

YOU STILL BEING HERE TODAY IS ONLY BECAUSE I OVER-LOOKED YOUR LITTLE SCHEMES.

LET ME MAKE ONE THING CLEAR... I'LL STOP COVERING FOR YOU AS SOON AS THINGS GO BAD.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU DON'T ANYTHING LEFT TO SAY!

YOU DARE THREATEN ME...?!

IT'S FRIENDLY ADVICE. LET'S JUST SAY I'M RETURNING A FAVOR FOR WHAT WAS DONE...

BUT I'M WARNING YOU, DON'T EVER STICK YOUR NOSE INTO MY BUSINESS AGAIN.

THE ORGANIZATION IS ONLY A FACADE AND CONSEQUENTLY, YOUR HIERARCHICAL POSITION GIVES YOU NO POWER OVER ME.

TAP

TAP

BLAM!

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BRR

THAT BRAT MAKES THE LAWS IN THIS SOCIETY! TO THINK I BELIEVED HE WAS ONLY SIMPLE EMPLOYEE AT THE END OF THE CHAIN!

WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, I COULD GET THROWN AWAY AT ANY MOMENT!

HE HAS BECOME...

... A THREAT!!

...!!

HELLO?

YES, WHAT IS IT?

HE COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME!

I UNDERSTAND...

HE WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.

SEEMS IT'S TIME FOR GREAT MINDS TO MEET.

HEY, MYUNG-GUN! HOW ARE THINGS GOING ON YOUR SIDE?

IT WAS A HARD FIGHT BUT I GOT WHAT I WANTED...

BUT TELL ME... ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ME?

I COULD BACKSTAB YOU AND GET AN ADVANTAGE FOR MY BUSINESS!

WELL, DO SO IF YOU THINK YOU CAN.

Same thing as usual, please!

Right...

BUT I'M GONNA CRUSH YOU IF I LEARN OF ANYTHING.

SO IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE RISK!

HE'S TELLING ME THAT HE ALWAYS HAS ME WITHIN HIS RADAR NO MATTER WHAT! BUT IT COULD BE A BLUFF...

WOULD IT KILL YOU TO GIVE MORE INFOR-MATION ABOUT THE RULES?

IF I TELL YOU EVERYTHING, THERE WON'T BE ANY SURPRISE!

AND I WANT TO TEST YOUR ABILITY TO REACT WHEN IN AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION...

HE'S CLEARLY THE ONE LEADING THE DANCE!

HE'S A BIT OVERCONFIDENT THOUGH. AS IF ALL THIS WAS JUST A GAME TO HIM.

AND BY GIVING YOU THE LOGISTICS, YOU ALREADY ARE A STEP AHEAD OF THE REST OF THEM.

IT'S NOT MUCH COMPARED TO THE RE-STRAINT THAT IT HOLDS! AND LET'S NOT FORGET THAT OUR RIVALS ARE PROFESSIONALS.

YOU WENT TO THE BAZAAR TO START THE EVENT, DIDN'T YOU? THE BLACK MARKET HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN.

YOU DO REALIZE WHAT THE SCALE OF THIS WHOLE THING IS GOING TO BE LIKE, RIGHT? HEADS ARE GONNA ROLL...

SO HAVE YOU FIN-ISHED YOUR INVES-TIGATION ON THEM?

LET ME GUESS. YOU'RE SCARED THAT THE MEDIA MIGHT LEARN ABOUT IT?

AFTER ALL... THE ITEM WILL LOSE ITS VALUE IF THE PUBLIC LEARNS ABOUT IT.

... IT'S MY BELIEF.

HEARING HIM, IT'S LIKE HE DOESN'T CARE ONE BIT! HE MIGHT EVEN SECRETLY WISH FOR IT...

WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO INFORM ALL USERS...

... OF THIS DANGEROUS SIDE OF THE INTERNET.

PLAF

I WAS SUCH AN IDIOT!! HE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S LINKED TO BOTH SEOL-HEE AND JAEHA TO BE INVOLVED LIKE THIS!

THAT'S IT...! I KNOW WHY HIS HEAD SEEMED SO FAMILIAR...

HEY? ARE YOU STILL THERE?

I'M NOT FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INSANE PROJECT ANYMORE...! NOW THAT I KNOW WHO HE IS, I CAN TRY ANOTHER APPROACH...

HELLO?

MOSHI MOSHI?

...

I'LL CALL YOU LATER.

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CLAP

HUH?

HELLO?
HELLO?

CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SHIT! HE HUNG UP!

AND HOW IS HE GOING TO CONTACT ME WITHOUT MY NUMBER?

YOU COULD GIVE IT TO ME.

NO THANKS!

WHAT'S GOT INTO HIM?

LET'S SAY THAT MYUNG-GUN DISCOVERED MY SECRET. HE'S WAY TOO FAR INTO THIS DEAL TO BACK DOWN NOW...

I ALWAYS KNEW THAT HE WOULD UNCOVER MY TRUE IDENTITY!

NO MATTER WHAT HIS REACTION IS, I'LL RESPOND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

I NEED TO STICK TO THE INITIAL PLAN!

WELL, WHATEVER. WHAT MATTERS MOST IS THAT WE MADE CLEAR WHAT THE SITUATION WAS.

YOU'RE GOING?

GIVE THIS TO HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM, AND TELL HIM IT'S FROM ME.

DO I NEED TO TELL HIM ANYTHING ELSE?

THAT HE NEEDS TO CHECK THE CONTENT OF THE CD TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS OKAY.

EXIT

WELL THEN, I'LL BE GOING. PUT MY TAB ON HIS AS USUAL.

GOOD BYE.

BY THE WAY...

...WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE BATTLE AS A PLAYER?

WHO, ME? WELL...

I HAD A FEW PROPOSITIONS, BUT I DIDN'T DECIDE ANYTHING YET.

I HAVE THE FEELING YOU'LL BE A JOKER...

I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE INDELICATE, BUT WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE A NAME.

BUT YOU COULD SAY I'M CALLED "J".

J FOR JOKER... THAT'S NO JOKE!

A SIMPLE COINCIDENCE... I WAS ALWAYS CALLED LIKE THAT.

...

AH... WHATEVER!

I WAS WRONG TO ASK HIM THAT.

WHAT WOULD I GAIN BY KNOWING MORE ABOUT HIM ANYWAY...?

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM...

HMM...

... FOR A NPC THAT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO FEEL EMOTIONS.

HEY?

GH...

FLIP

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HIC

I'M TIRED OF THIS DREAM. I'D GLADLY WAKE UP...

FLIP

HE MUST BE A CUSTOMER.

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE DRUNKARDS AT THE NETWORK!

THEN AGAIN, WHY WOULDN'T THERE BE, AS LONG AS THEY CAN AFFORD TO...?

...!

HIC

HEY, KID! IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

SORRY?

ARE YOU TALKING TO ME? YOU MUST HAVE MIXED ME UP WITH SOMEBODY ELSE...

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE HERE. GO BACK TO SUCKING YOUR MOMMA'S TITIES.

GLOW GLOW

HEY YOU! I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!!

PFF

WAIT A MINUTE...! HOW DID HE KNOW ABOUT MY AGE?

HE'S NO NORMAL USER... PROOF IS THAT HE CAN ACCESS THIS PLACE...

STRANGE... HIS HEAD SEEMS FAMILIAR!

HEY, J! HOW ARE YOU?

WE'VE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE... BUT WHERE?!

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